Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for distributing personalized editions of media programs, the method comprising:

accessing a <u>first locally stored copy of a</u> media program at an editing device;

receiving a designation of at least two points of interest within the media program;

generating a sequence of bookmarks defining a personalized path <u>of skip-to points</u> through the media program, each bookmark <u>representing</u> ~~defining~~ one of the designated points of interest within the media program; and

transmitting the sequence of bookmarks <u>from the editing device</u> to a <u>different</u> playback device having access to <u>a second locally stored copy of</u> the media program<u>, the second locally stored copy being obtained from a source other than the editing device,</u> wherein the sequence of bookmarks is usable by the playback device to <u>allow a user to</u> skip<u>, in response to a user command, to a next point of interest</u> ~~from one point of interest to another~~ within the media program [[in]] <u>according to</u> the sequence defined by the personalized path ~~in response to a user command~~.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein skipping comprises:

starting presentation of the media program at a position marked by a next bookmark in response to a <u>skip-forward</u> ~~user~~ command received by the playback device.

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4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 [[1]], wherein skipping comprises:

starting presentation of the media program at a position marked by a previous

bookmark in the sequence in response to a skip-backward user command received at

the playback device.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting

comprises:

transmitting the sequence of bookmarks from the editing device to the playback

device via a network.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the network is selected from the

group consisting of a cable television network, a direct broadcast satellite network, and

the Internet.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting

comprises:

transmitting the sequence of bookmarks from the editing device to the playback

device using a wireless technique.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting

comprises:

physically transporting the sequence of bookmarks from the editing device to the playback device on a removable storage medium.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the removable storage medium is selected from a group consisting of a magnetic disk, an optical disc, and a non-volatile flash memory card.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sequence of bookmarks is encapsulated within a program interface object (PIO).

11. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one bookmark comprises a time reference.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one bookmark comprises a non-time positional reference.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one bookmark marks a beginning point of a segment of interest within the media program.

14. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one bookmark marks an end point of a segment comprising at least one advertisement within the media program.

15. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein accessing comprises downloading the media program from a server.

16. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein accessing comprises digitally recording the media program from a broadcast medium.

17. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein accessing comprises accessing a removable storage medium including the media program.

18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the removable storage medium comprises a digital versatile disk (DVD).

19. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the playback device comprises an interactive television (ITV) system.

20. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the editing device comprises an interactive television (ITV) system.

21. (currently amended) A system for distributing personalized editions of media programs, the system comprising:

an editing device comprising:

a media interface component that accesses a <u>first locally stored copy of a</u> media program;

a point of interest designation component that receives a designation of <u>a</u> <u>plurality of</u> ~~at least one~~ point<u>s</u> of interest within the media program;

a bookmark generation component that generates a <u>sequence of</u> bookmark<u>s</u> defining <u>a personalized path of skip-to points through the media</u> <u>program,</u> each <u>bookmark representing one of the</u> designated point of interest within the media program, ~~wherein the bookmark is an attribute of a program~~ ~~information object (PIO) for the media program, the PIO comprising one or more~~ ~~attributes including information about the media program and one or more user~~ ~~selectable actions performable in connection with the media program, wherein~~ ~~the PIO is to be represented by a visual indicator displayable in a graphical user~~ ~~interface to facilitate user interaction with the PIO~~; and

a bookmark transmission component that transmits the <u>sequence of</u> <u>bookmarks</u> ~~PIO including at least one bookmark~~; and

a playback device having access to <u>a second locally stored copy of</u> the media program, wherein the playback device receives the <u>sequence of bookmarks</u> ~~PIO~~ directly from the bookmark transmission component of the editing device, and wherein the <u>sequence of</u> ~~at least one~~ bookmark<u>s</u> is usable by the playback device to skip from

one point of interest to another within the media program <u>according to the sequence</u> <u>defined by the personalized path</u> in response to a user command.

22. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, the playback device comprising:

a media interface component that accesses the media program from a source other than the editing device;

a bookmark reception component that receives the <u>sequence of bookmarks</u> ~~PIO including the at least one bookmark~~; and

a playback control component that, during presentation of the media program, skips to a point of interest marked by the <u>sequence of</u> ~~at least one~~ bookmark<u>s</u> in response to a user command.

23. (currently amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the playback control component starts presentation of the media program at a position marked by a next bookmark in response to a <u>skip-forward</u> ~~user~~ command received by the playback device.

24. (currently amdended) The system of claim 22, wherein the playback control component starts presentation of the media program at a position marked by a previous bookmark in response to a <u>skip-backward</u> ~~user~~ command received at the playback device.

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25. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the bookmark transmission component transmits the ~~sequence of bookmarks~~ <u>sequence of bookmarks</u> ~~PIO including the at least one bookmark~~ from the editing device to the playback device via a network.

26. (original) The system of claim 25, wherein the network is selected from the group consisting of a cable television network, a direct broadcast satellite network, and the Internet.

27. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the bookmark transmission component transmits the <u>sequence of bookmarks</u> ~~PIO including the at least one bookmark~~ from the editing device to the playback device using a wireless technique.

28. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the bookmark transmission component stores the <u>sequence of</u> ~~at least one~~ bookmark<u>s</u> on a removable storage medium to be physically transported from the editing device to the playback device.

29. (original) The system of claim 28, wherein the removable storage medium is selected from a group consisting of a magnetic disk, an optical disc, and a non-volatile flash memory card.

30. (canceled)

31. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one bookmark comprises a time reference.

32. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one bookmark comprises a non-time positional reference.

33. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one bookmark marks a beginning point of a segment of interest within the media program.

34. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one bookmark marks an end point of a segment comprising at least one advertisement within the media program.

35. (previously presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the media interface component downloads the media program from a server.

36. (previously presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the media interface component digitally records the media program from a broadcast medium.

37. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein the media interface component accesses a removable storage medium including the media program.

38. (original) The system of claim 37, wherein the removable storage medium comprises a digital versatile disk (DVD).

39. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein the playback device comprises an interactive television (ITV) system.

40. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein the editing device comprises an interactive television (ITV) system.

41. (currently amended) A system for distributing personalized editions of media programs, the system comprising:

means for accessing a <u>first local copy of a</u> media program at an editing device;

means for receiving a designation of at least <u>two</u> ~~one~~ point<u>s</u> of interest within the media program;

means for generating a <u>sequence of</u> bookmark<u>s</u> defining <u>a non-chronological path through the media program,</u> each <u>bookmark representing one of the</u> designated point<u>s</u> of interest within the media program; and

means for transmitting <u>the sequence of</u> ~~at least one~~ bookmark<u>s</u> defining the non-chronological path through the media program from the editing device to a playback device having access to <u>a second local copy of</u> the media program, wherein the <u>sequence of</u> ~~at least one~~ bookmark<u>s</u> is usable by the playback device to skip from one point of interest to another within the media program along the non-chronological path in response to a user command.

42. (new) A method for distributing personalized editions of media programs, the method comprising:

accessing a first locally stored copy of a media program at an editing device;

receiving a designation of at least two points of interest within the media program;

generating a sequence of bookmarks defining a non-chronological path through the media program, each bookmark representing one of the designated points of interest within the media program; and

transmitting the sequence of bookmarks from the editing device to a different playback device having access to a second locally stored copy of the media program, the second locally stored copy being obtained from a source other than the editing device, wherein the sequence of bookmarks is usable by the playback device to allow a user to skip, in response to a user command, to a next point of interest within the media program according to the sequence defined by the non-chronological path.

43. (new) A method for distributing personalized editions of media programs, the method comprising:

accessing a first locally stored copy of a media program at an editing device;

receiving a designation of at least two points of interest within the media program;

generating a sequence of bookmarks defining a personalized path through the media program, each bookmark representing one of the designated points of interest within the media program, at least one bookmark including supplemental information to be presented with the media program; and

transmitting the sequence of bookmarks from the editing device to a different playback device having access to a second locally stored copy of the media program, the second locally stored copy being obtained from a source other than the editing device, wherein the sequence of bookmarks is usable by the playback device to allow a user to skip, in response to a user command, to a next point of interest within the media program according to the sequence defined by the personalized path.

44. (new) The method of claim 43, wherein the supplemental information comprises a commentary by a user of the editing device.

45. (new) The method of claim 43, further comprising overlaying the supplemental information upon the media program.

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46.   (new) The method of claim 45, wherein overlaying comprises displaying the supplemental information in a picture-in-picture window.

47.   (new) The method of claim 46, wherein the supplemental information comprises a video commentary.

48.   (new) The method of claim 43, wherein the supplemental information comprises text.

49.   (new) The method of claim 43, wherein the supplemental information comprises a hyperlink.

50.   (new) The method of claim 43, wherein the supplemental information comprises audio.

51.   (new) The method of claim 43, wherein the supplemental information comprises video.